

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

Regarding independent claims 1, 10, 11 and 12, the closest prior art to the instant invention is Lockard (USP 5,272,945). Lockard teaches a cutting tool for parting and grooving operations comprising a coupling part (3) detachably connected to a tool head (47), the tool head comprising a basic holder part (the back end) and a blade part (the front end) in a front portion, the blade part including an insert pocket and two opposing planar surfaces that are separated by a depth that is shorter than the length and width dimensions of the two opposing planar surfaces (figures 4A and 4B). Lockard also teaches means for supplying cooling agent to the cutting insert, wherein said cooling agent supplying means (27) includes a tube member (30), which is horizontally transverse to a longitudinal direction of the blade part, the tube member having an inlet (38) for connection to a cooling agent source (16) and an outlet (37) for leading the cooling agent in a direction towards the cutting insert (8) (figures 4A and 4B).

However, regarding independent claims 1, 10, 11 and 12, Lockard fails to anticipate or make obvious said tube member being mounted in a recess arranged in the tool head (i.e. the basic part). (Please note: Lockard teaches the tube member being mounted in a recess arranged the coupling part (3) in order to minimally interfere with the profile of the resulting toolholder assembly, 'col. 5, line 66 through col. 6, line 3).

Furthermore, regarding independent claim 12, Lockard fails to anticipate or make obvious the outlet of the tube member being arranged at substantially the same level vertically as the cutting insert in the insert pocket.

Conclusion

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